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Manuscript volume 1

July 22, 1861 - February 11, 1862, pages 1-77
Several "Unionists." We remained here only 20 minutes arrived at Knoxville at 9 A. M. Here we were received quite indifferent it being a place of Lincolnites we were delayed here 24 hours

Several incidents transpired. I was quite sick with high Fever I remained in the cars till 12 A. M. I walked over to the "Lamar Hotel" in the City & eat my supper

Knoxville is a place 4 times as large as Washington. At night I staid at the "Beverly" House quite sick at 9 P. M. The telegraphic news came of the fight at Manassas. Slept in a straw bed, rained all night

July 22nd. M. [1861]

Raining this morning. Everything damp 8 A. M. Still raining, all on board & away we go, all glad to leave the place. Very poorly fixed in the cars, raining in on us.

Arrived at Morris Creek Station at 11 A. M. Here the road was washed up & delayed us 8 hours Still raining all wet. While repairing the road we taken possession of a house. Soon had a hot fire & all very well dried. We left at 5 P. M. & traveled all night in a car filled with water & mud, arrived at Greenville, Tenn at sun rise.

July 23d.

Left Greenville at 8 A. M. this place was filled with "Union" the Home of "Andy Johnson."

Arrived at Jonesboro Tenn at 10 A. M. this is a nice town some
fine houses. But like the latter place. We remain but half hour & soon were on board again. Several stations we could see the confederate flag waving & the happy voices of the young ladies.

July 24, 1861

Arrived at Bristol, Va. (on the line of the line running through the town) at 11 A.M. & remained 16 hours. Here once more we found friends, in a few minutes after stopping we were all over the town. Having eaten nothing for 24 hours.

I wrote a letter to Pa here. Eat my dinner at a private house & had a nice one for 25 c.

Here I saw some very pretty girls: this is quite a small town something larger than Washington but not ways as bestful a place.

Staid all night in the car, most of the company remained in the Hotel.

July 25th. Th.

Left Bristol at 7 A.M. all on board a different car having changed; we passed several bestful stations. Arrived at Abingdon Va at 8 A.M. this is a bestful place though quite small. Several fine houses here. I met some nice girls who wished us "God speed." Arrived at Liberty at 10 A.M. Here we got breakfast though quite late, which was prepared to accommodate nearly a 1000. I never shall forget the kind ladies who gave us our breakfast free "& one of the best they could get for us." Several nice girls at this place. May their pathway through life be strewed with flowers of the brightest
lim & may their beauty like the rose it resembles ever retain its
sweetness long after its bloom is withered

We soon were on board & with the waving of handkerchiefs & the
loud cheers in response we were soon away.

Arrived at Lynchburg at 2 P. M. passed through a tunnel just
before we got to L. We were soon off the cars & all marched off
to the camping ground.

July 26th. Fr. 1861

Still at Lynchburg. This is a beautiful place with rocky streets
& some fine buildings. I went over most the town. Wrote 2 letters
home.

July 27. Sat.

All hurriedly on board the cars for Manassas as we had received
orders to leave immediately. We remained in the cars & around the
depot all day & at 8 P. M. were en route for Manassas, traveled all
night arrived at Charlottesville at 9 A. M. then 2 hours here I
witnessed a very sad scene. I went to the University & saw the
wounded & dying of those who were engaged in Manassas fight. Some
shot in the hand legs & some dangerously wounded. It was a sad
sight.

I went over the city it is quite a small town. I eat my dinner
here after fasting 24 hours

Soon all on board & way we go arrived at Gordonsville at sunset
& saw several of the prisinors. Here we expected to get our supper, was disappointed, remain here only 1 hour & soon we were off travelled all night arrived at Manassas at day break. I was quite sick, as my ear was exceedingly soar.

July 28th. Sunday. 1861

We remained in the cars till sunrise, & then we had orders to carry our baggage some 200 yds on our shoulders it was quite tiresome. Soon our tents were up, & now we wanted something to eat. But no, we could get scarcely nothing to eat as most of us had eat nothing for 40 hours. We had preaching in the evening by Rev. Haygood. Supper came & nothing to eat, so we rested quite well that night for the first time in a week.

July 29th. Monday.

Perambulated the place & saw several yankee pris - some dead & dying, burying some constant. Soldiers, soldiers going in every direction. Nothing to eat today scarcely.

July 30th. Tuesday

Saw the guns, Knap Sacks, & cartridges of the enemy, never saw such a pile, cannons & wagons, all of which we taken from the enemy. Drilling today & some burying near by. Wrote a letter home.

July 31st. Wedn.

We have had about half enough to eat. Drilling. Our Camp being in a wet & filthy place.
Aug. 1st. Thurs. 1861

Our tents taken down & everything carried to the cars to move 1 mile. Soon we were in the road to march, leaving Manassas we arrived at Camp "Walker" at 12 A. M. Missed our dinner.

Soon with axes, Spades & about 500 soldiers we soon cleared a spot in the woods in a beautiful grove near the Rail Road leading to Alexandria.

Soon with so many of us (although quite warm) we had the place clean (some 4 acres) our tents pitched & every thing once more right.

Aug. 2nd. Fri.

Arranging everything a little better. Here we were then mustered in the "Confederate" Service, all our company mustered in but "John Bivins" there was difficulty in 2 other companies not wanting Col. Thomas be Col. Soon it subsided & all was right.

Aug. 3rd. Saturday

Removing the brush father & working on the spring, some doing several small duties connected with the Reg'mt.

Aug. 4th. Sunday

Preaching today by Rev. "Haygood" pastor for the Reg'mt.

Wrote a letter to Pa today & received one. Brother came to see me today also Charlie Jones, came in the evening.

Aug. 5. "M"

John Bivins started home today. Cleaned up a place to drill. Nothing transpired today.
Aug. 6th. Tues. 1861
Drilling today. John Teobow sick. Very warm & clear

Aug. 7th. Wednes.
Commenced raining today rained all day. Nell "Jones" sick.
Nothing of importance transpire

Aug. 8th. "Thursday"
Still raining slowly. 4 P. M. clearing off. Jock Lane has the neuralgia in the head quite sick

Aug. 9th. Friday.
Several of the company sick today. Drilling as ever. "Warm"

Aug. 10th. Sat.
2 cases of measles today. H. Gullatt & W. H. Cartledge both quite sick. Drilling today several of those sick returned to duty. I was put on guard today. Stood 4 hours at night around the horses.

Aug. 11th. "Sunday"
Preaching at 11 O'Clock today by the Pastor. Prayer meeting in the evening. "Pierce" came to see me this eve. A few sick.

Aug. 12th. "Mon."
Drilling as ever; most of our company out. "Dent" quite unwell, also Fleming & Glaze.

Aug. 13th. Tues.
Several more cases of measles. James Gullars & Jim Jennings quite
sick. "Lieut. Lane on duty."

Drilling as ever. Wrote a letter to Pa. Received one from J. A. E. Answered it this eve. Josh Jones sick & several more.


Drilling today. All the sick except measles, about well. Mrs "Lemay" sick. "Remson" unwell.

Commenced Raining this eve.

Aug. 15th. Thurs.

Still raining today slowly. Received a letter from home today. Nothing of importance transpired today. A few more cases of measles.

Aug. 16th. Friday.

Cloudy today & wet very warm. No drill today. Our cartridge box filled today with cartridges. Heavy firing of cannon towards "Alexandria."

Aug. 17th. Sat.

Drilling today. Several of the company quite sick. Several cases of measles. Moses Jones has the Typhoid fever. Received orders to Cook 3 days rations & prepare to march, battle at Falls Church today resulting victoriously, for us taken several prisinors.

Aug. 18th. Sunday. 1861.

No preaching today. A little excitement. Several sick Henderson.

Gullatt quite sick with measles.

Aug. 19th. Mon.

Drilling as ever, all quiet. Clear & warm. Wrote to Pa.
Nothing worth writing or remembering took place today

Aug. 20th. Tues. 1861

Orders came for us to take down tents & prepare to march. Soon all the tents were rolled up & all the baggage & every thing ready to put in the wagons to leave. The order countermanded & tents put up again, & everything to its proper place again.

This was done to see if the wagons could carry what tents, baggage &c we had. All could be carried. Several excited. All right again.

Aug. 21st. Wednes.

Drilling as ever. All quiet

Several quite sick. F. M. Wright taken the measles. Cloudy & very warm

Aug. 22nd. Thurs.

Wrote a letter to Tillie Norman, received one from home

Drilling Battalion drill

Peter Gullatt taken the measles quite sick. Henderson improving.

On guard today around a corn field. Raining. Staid all night in the Rock house. Nothing of importance today

Aug. 23rd. Friday.

Rainy day quite cool. H. M. Sale taken sick today

Dallis getting well. no drill today as it is too wet
Aug. 21st. Sat. 1861

Received a letter from B. A. Arnett & answered today. Drill today
Went to Manassas. Nothing transpired of importance.

Aug. 22nd. Sun.

Preaching today. Brother came to see me. All the sick sent to
Richmond most of them (18 in all)

Lieutenant Hearnberger accompanied them. "Teobow" & "Jones"
quite sick.

Aug. 23rd. Mon.

Drilling as ever battalion drill. H M Sale very sick. Nothing
worth writing taken place today.

Aug. 24th. Tues.

Received a letter from J. A. L. & answered it this evening. Lieut
Hearnberger returned from Richmond & says "Jones & Teobow will die &
"Graves" very sick. Drilling as ever. Peter improving from the measles.
All in good spirit.


Drill. Drill. I bought fruit today the first I have ever & also
roasting ears. Nothing transpired in camp today, few sick.

Aug. 26th. Thurs.

Drilling as ever; our company quite small, as most are sick.
drizzling rain the evening quite cold. No news today

Aug. 30th. Friday. 1861

Drilling. Levi Kendall joined our company, R. Kendall in camp. Our Regt. has over a hundred sick. Several cases of measles expecting some to die.

Aug. 31st. Sat.

Drilling, one the Delhi Rang died today also one the Fire Side Guards, the latter sent home. Several quite sick.

September the 1st. "Sunday"

Preaching today "Pierce" came to see me; went to Manassas to get a discharge for "Sale" succeeded in getting one. Mrs. Lamar Sale left today for Warrenton accompanied by R. Kendall; "Sale" quite sick. Sey went with them.

Sept. 2nd. Mon.

Andrew Benson sick, and today I was detailed to work the road at Manassas. Missed my dinner. Gen. Toombs came in camp, also A. H. Stevens.

Sept. 3d. Tues.

Wrote a letter home. Drill as ever. Lieut. Lane sick also Capt. Stevens, the boys the regiment very sickly. A new recruit today "Clary." Nothing of importance today.

Sept. 4th. Wednes.

Raining; quite cool. Went to see Brother today near "Union Mills."
Clearing off at 3 P. M. Lockart & Brumby quite sick. All doing fine

Sept. 5th. Thurs. 1861

Drilling as ever. Received a letter from home. Evry one look different since Mrs. "Lamar" left, much regretted

Sept. 6th. Friday

Removed several of the sick from the Camps to the Rock house. I hope carry them. 2 of them I think will die. Billy Sims a little sick. Drilling. Went to Manassas this eve & I & Adam & Lieut. H. eat some preserves. All doing fine, those that are well. ½ the Reg. sick.

Sept. 7th. Sat.

On guard at the Spring today & night. Very warm. I Lieut Pascol & some others taken some roasting ears this eve. Drilling Battalion. No news worth writing, all quiet.

Sept. 8th. Sunday.

Orders came for us to take down tents & load waggons & prepare to leave & carry every thing. Soon all the tents were rolled up & all the baggage & every thing put in the waggons. All right the rolls called. Knap Sack on our backs, guns & Co ready to go. Order countermanded. Waggons unloaded & every thing taken out, & ready to fix back again. Several of the Reg put up tents. We did not evry thing remained rolled up. Fooled again, was the general question; I went to Manassas this eve, nothing to eat scarcely, no tent to sleep in & quite cool, as all our provision were packed up; Slept quite well in the dew.
Peter Gullatt quite sick & several more.

Sept. 9th. Monday. 1861

Gen. Waul in Camps. All quiet & over their little excitement. Quite warm & clear, bought some Peaches today; I worked the road; some more sick.

Sept. 10. Tues.

Received orders to roll tents & every thing load waggons & prepare to march. Soon the waggons were loaded, the line formed, Knap Sack & Co ready to go. All the companies marched out in line and a little speech made to us; as an encouragement, loud cheers by the boys.

Soon off rolled the waggons. Slowly, the regmt in line following behind, leaving behind all who could not carry guns & accoutrements which was half the Regmt, in my mess Han & Peter Sims, & Galloway remained.

Soon we was out of sight of the old camp; where we have been so long & so many of us has been quite sick. We watched the old place untill out of sight. We went on finely. It was very warm, we soon reached "Bull Run" the noted stream where the battle of the 18th was fought. Here on the battlefield we rested and quenched our thirst as we were quite tired & thirsty. Rested ½ hour & away we go, passed by the place the enemy had their cannon placed; Soon we reached the village of Centerville, the place the enemies resurve were placed;
From here we went in an easterly direction towards Fairfax C. H. crossed a noble stream & halted tired, hungry & thirsty (it being very warm) as we had marched 6 miles. Soon our tents were up & everything right again. I was detailed as Picket guard & remained off 24 hours.

Sept. 11th. Wednes. 1861.

I came off Picket 1 hour before my time was out as here for the first time I was taken with the sick headache & relieved by Cyrus Alber.


I am well again & on duty. Capt. went to Warrenton to see Mrs "Lamar" Walked all around to see the situation of our Camps. Encamped in the same place the enemy encamped at on a high hill. I found a piece of their flag. This camp named "Taylor".

Sept. 13. Frid.

Received a letter from home & Tillie Norman today. Drilling Battalion drill. Henderson & Peter Cullatt arrived at camp "Taylor" from "Walker" today, also "Sims" several sick in Camp. Joe Reid & Ashmore quite sick; reported the death of 5 of those of our Reg we left at camp "Walker". Several sick today no drill.

Sept. 14th. Sat.

I & Lieut'nt Pascal went to Centerville & visited the high hill.
where the "Congressman" (Ely) & [illegible] eat their dinner
under an apple tree the day of the battle of B R also the place
where the "Senators" stood & witnessed the fight. At the latter place
you could see for miles around as it is a very high hill. We then
visited the Church he staid in, in this beautiful house they had
written their names & Reg. & also the State. The walls of the Church
were plastered & quite a nice house but the walls marked up & such
as "Down with the Rebels" written on several places. The house
almost ruined.

We next visited Centerville, this is a dilapidated, & rough, &
very old place with a P. O. 2 stores & a few rough houses, & since
occupied by soldiers is about ruined. The Hotel a shaby & old building
is turned to a hospital, most the families have left. Here I bought
some Peaches. We then returned back. We stoped a while where the
german reserve was placed, here on this high place the Yankees could
be seen retreating down the turnpike for miles as I talked with men
here who saw them. As we was standing looking around Gen "Beauregard"
& Staff came along this being the first time I had ever seen him.

We then returned to the Camps & as we passed from one hill to the
other we could see the Brigades drilling, which made a line nearly a
mile long. Soon quite tired we arrived at Camp about 4 P. M. & went
out on dress parade

Sept. 15th. Sunday.

Preaching in Camps today by the pastor. Preached at the Spring
as it was a cool shady place. Very few to hear him. After preaching returned to the tents. We had a nice dinner today "Pound Cake" Tomatoes & several extras which made it a nice dinner. The Capt & Lieut'nt eat with us. I have the headache this evening.

Sept. 16th. Monday 1861

Orders came for us to take down tents, pack up baggage & every thing & be ready to march. Soon the waggons were loaded the line formed & roll called. Soon we were in the road to march & off rolled the waggons, leaving behind several of the sick. Henderson, & Peter Gullatt & Billy Sims & several more, quite sick. Jobe "Reid" very sick also Tom. "Clary" & Lee "Ashmore" has the measles.

After a march of 3 miles we reached Camp "Pine Creek" in Fairfax "Co" 2 miles from the C. H. Wagon soon unloaded, tents put up & every thing straight once more. Hear cannonading towards Arlington heights. Counted 120 reports. Various rumors in circulation. But non confirmed; expected to leave constant

Sept. the 17. Tues.

All the excitement subsided; enlarging the Camps. Brigade guard put out. Same to guard corn fields &c Warm & pleasant. I dont think we will remain here long.

Sept. 18. "Wednesday"

Drilling as ever, quite a sorry drill ground. News reached us
of the death of Moses "Jones" & John "Teabor".

The firing at Arlington was only arraigning the guns [?] them.


Removed our drill ground 1/2 mile from the camp. Han, Peter & Sims came from Camp "Taylor" to us both well. Arraigned our mess News come of the death of several in the Reg. "Clary" sent to Richmond today.

Sept. 20th. Friday.

Wrote a letter to "Billy". Lieut. "Lane" is sick today. The Ist Geo Regulars (of our brigade) are off on Picket for 4 days. Passed our camp quite lively. Drilling today as ever.

Sept. 21st. Saturday.

Raining today, ground very wet. Stopped at dark.

Received a letter today from A. B. G. while eating my supper. Quite cool cloudy tonight. No news of interest.

Sept. 22nd. Sunday.

Wrote a letter to A. B. G. today. Preaching at the spring by the regular pastor. All quiet in camp. Several cases of measles, in camps. Nothing transpired of importance.

Sept. the 23d. Monday.

I am on Brigade guard today. Stood guard around Gen. Toombs.
& Staff quarters. I stood 9 hours at night & heard them talk.

Sept. 24th. Tuesday. 1861

Relieved this morning by William Albee; Slept a part the eve
John Galloway, 2 Elliotts, 2 McCords, & Mumpford 2 Crawfords returned
from Richmond in the evening. Will Elliott looks quite badly

The 2nd Geo Vol relieved the 1st Geo Regulars on Picket,
the Regulars came by our Camp at 11 o'clock P. M. & give us the news.
Said they could talk with the enemy as an agreement was made not to
shoot each other, they exchanged canteens & Buttons with each other.

Moon shining very bright and quite a pleasant night. Long Roll
beat for the Reg't picket to see what the firing of guns meant, all
up & it was the "regulars" firing off their guns. All quiet at 1
O'clock A. M.

Sept. the 25th. Wednes.

A pleasant day & very warm, drilling again today. No news to
write. The sick improving.

Sept. the 26th. Thursday.

Received orders this morning that their would be no drill but all
must cook & prepare 3 days rations & be ready to go on Picket next
morning. All very busy cooking. I am making buisks. We baked 200
buisks & have it all packed in a box, beef boiled & Bacon carefully
put away. Haversacks filled & now tis night. All quite tired, & very
Jelly at night talking about leaving next day. Night has come & tis
cloudy. 8 P. M. raining, slowly. Adam Hearnes berger & Jim Henderson
got discharged & will leave for home tomorrow.

All very at this time 10 o'clock P. M. Raining quite fast. I am up at 2 A. M. Still raining and some wondering if we will go off in the rain.

Sept. the 27th. Friday.

Rain. Rain. The question is upon every lip, wonder if we will go off in the rain.

8 o'clock A. M. Still raining. Roll called, line formed & wagons filled with 3 days rations. Haversacks filled. Knapsack on our backs, also gun and accoutrements & the order come to march. Soon we are in the road & hault. Mr. Kendrell leave for home also Henderson & Hearnesberger leave for home. Soon the Col. ordered march, off we go. Such hollering all filled with joy & fun, through the rain, mud, the ground very slippery. With a heavy load upon our backs. After a march of 1½ mile we came to the turnpike here again was mud, mud. Such slipping & falling down I never saw before. We soon reached Germantown. A few houses remains, as the Yankees had burned all the houses & the Chimneys & 3 Houses still remains. After a sloppy & muddy march of 1 mile from Germantown we reached Fairfax C. H., a place filled with Soldiers & a village once nearly as large as Washington Geo, but since occupied by Soldiers it has nearly ruined the town. The Streets are rocky. The Town is situated on a high hill. Several fine houses. 3 or 4 Stores. Several groceries & one hotel. 2 Churches & a Seminary once was a fine one, so also
were the Churches but now are filled with sick & wounded Soldiers

Here I saw several nice young ladies, the first I have seen in 4 months.

Soon we passed through the Town & here again we got in mud, rain,
Rain. After a march of 2 miles from the C. H. we stoped to rest in
the rain. All quite tired. After a rest of one hour we were again
off. Soon we were in mud over our shoes & as wet as we could be passing
over some high hills which made it much tiresome as the hills were
very slippery. Often did I fall down, untill I was very muddy & wet,
it still raining. The road from Fairfax C. H. to Falls Church is
very hilly & rough, with a great deal of Soap Stone which makes it
difficult to travel when wet & rainy.

The Country is very much broken with a great many old pine fields,
the pines being a little different from ours. These have quite small
straw & are very pliant almost equal to white oak. After a march of
4 miles through mud & rain & a very rough country we reached Mils X
Roads at 12 A. M. All quite tired & hungry wet & muddy, it still raining.

We stoped here 2 hours. Soon we were all in line again. Knop
Sacks upon our bags & everything ready, off we go in mud, the branches
all full. So we had to walk in the water.

After a march of 3 miles we again stoped to rest as we were quite
tired, we stoped only ½ hour. Again we were in the road & after a
march of 1 mile over a red & hilly road we reached 'Falls Church' the
long looked & wished for place. We reached the village at 5 P. M. and
as we reached the Church we countermarched, to go back 1 mile to a
house to remain for the night.

I only had a partial view of the village as I did not stop more
than 5 minutes at the Church which is in the suburbs of the Town. I
could see several nice houses & a Seminary which looked quite well.
Several buildings in the place. The town is situated on a high level,
Sandy eminence. A beautiful place. The village is named after the
"Lord Fairfax" who built the noted Church, it is quite a large Church
built of brick & the oldest Church in "America." The brick which it
was built of were brought from "England" by "Lord Fairfax" & built by
him about the year 1666 from whence the county derives its name.

After a march back of 1 mile we came to a large house of 8 rooms;
here we stoped, intended to stay all night, as we were very tired
hungry & sleepy, having marched 12 miles all day with a heavy load
through rain, mud & rough road. So we were as wet & muddy as we could
be. We reached the house at 7 P. M. when it began to blow off quite
cold, the wind blew very hard. Soon we had fires made & began to Cook
& prepare Something to eat, while others were drying themselves &
preparing a place to sleep. Soon we were through eating & nearly dry.
Some beating the mud off themselves while others were fixing to sleep.
I sit up nodding by the fire as I was quite muddy. Some appeared quite
lively, but I was willing to rest & sleep for the next 24 hours. At
9 P. M. most of the boys were snugly covered up & soon were resting
fine. At 10 P. M. we received orders to get up, load waggons & prepare
to leave in a few minutes. All were in perfect confusion, be ready to leave & go back 4 miles to Mills X roads as the enemy was about to flank us & they were advancing on us fast.

Soon the waggon were loaded & our Knap Sack & accout's ready. Reader you may say what you please but this was a test of Soldiers life, the first degree. To get up & go 4 miles through the mud, the road filled with mud holes the sharp wind blowing very cold, tired & sleepy, having marched all day in rain & wind & had just got dry & now go on a march at that dead hour of night! (12 P. M.) & as the saying "as dark as Egypt" So dark you could not see your hand before you! was enough to test the nerve of any man! but go we must.

Soon we were in the road & off we go, before we marched a mile it seem to me that I fell in evry mud hole. I was soon covered with mud as I had mired up to my knees my face filled with mud. Several mired up & lost their shoes.

We marched 2 miles & then stoped to rest. I never was so muddy in my life, as I never stoped for the branches. I was very cold. We then could fight as we were then in the right spirit.

We stoped but a few minutes we soon reached the X. R. at 2 A. M. orders came for us to load our guns & not have no fire. Gracious me I thought I would freeze. We lie down in the corner of the fence on our guns expecting the enemy every moment. A detail was sent out to guard & fire on the approach of the enemy. We lie in the corner of fence with one blanket over us & it very cold. It was a time I never
want to experience again. The cold we suffered that night cannot be described; & as long as I live will the events of that memorable day ever have a green spot in my memory. I shall not say anything about the sufferings of that cold night all very muddy & wet & no fire. Day soon came, but I thought it a very long night, & at light we had a fire, having marched 17 miles through mud rain with a heavy load, it was equal to a march of 25 miles on a dry road.

Sept. the 28th. Sat. 1861

No enemy yet, as from what we could hear they were very close. A Company from our Reg't were sent off on picket duty. We slept most of the day as we were very tired & muddy. All quiet at present, at 10 A. M. the 33d Va Reg came by us going back to "Falls Church." We sent a guard back to where we left at night to get the beaves we left. At 9 P. M. the 33d Va Reg & 11th Geo came on by us from the Church, taking down the Telegraph wires, as the enemy taken possession at 11 o'clock at night. These 2 Reg remained with us several days.

Sept. 29th. "Sunday"

The news came that the enemy was advancing. We were soon drawn in line of battle & we got behind the fence, so if the enemy should come the Owingsville road (as that was the way we were expecting them) we could get over in the road behind the fence & thus be protected from them. We lie in this position about an hour.

At 11 A. M. we were ordered to cut & pull down a 10 acre field of corn, so as to see the approach of the enemy. This being done
we were then ordered to build breastworks of 2 fences, in a few hours hard work we soon had it accomplished. Several by this time began to get sick in the Reg. Sick I expect with fear, in our company Lieutenant Lane Colvin & Sims all were sent back to the Camps.

At 3 P. M. we were again drawn up in line of battle & news came that the enemy were advancing & were only 2 miles off. We were drawn up in line on the Alexandria road. Here again we built a breastwork out of a fence. We again had our guns & ready to get behind the temporary works when we received orders to go back in the rear 40 yds in some very thick pines & wait for the approach of the enemy. We remained here only 15 minutes & then were ordered back to the road behind the breastworks. We were then in a few minutes. We then received orders for our company to go out in front of the Reg in a thick broom straw & briar patch to act as skirmishers & give the alarm, as the Reg't were hid in bushes (All this time the 11th Geo & 33d Va Reg't were hid in the woods, & our Reg't in front & our Company in front of them) Our orders were to shoot the first man we saw in front of us. Soon we (the Lamar Confederates) were situated 20 paces apart. I sit behind a pine & would peep once & awhile.

Soon 5 men were seen approaching through the thick briare. I levelled my gun, so also did the one sitting near me (Jobe Crawford) when our Lieutenant Hearnesberger came & stoped us before we had time to fire. As orders had come around & had not got as far as me, that 5 sharp shooters of the 33d Va Reg't were out in front of us scouting, they just saved themselves, as in a few moments more they would have
been shot.

We remained here 2 hours & no enemy yet nor no sign of none.
At 6 P. M. we left for the Camps some ½ mile from us, we reached
the Camps at dusk, & as quick as we could cook our supper we did it
& were off at 8 P. M. to the advance post on the Falls Church road,
to relieve 2 Companies of our Reg'mt. I dont suppose we were more
than a mile from the enemy. I stood in the road at 12 P. M. till
2 A. M. only 2 hours while several stood 4 hours. They would have
been relieved oftener but their post was in the woods & in relieving
them we would make to much noise in the woods. At half past 3 A. M.
were relieved by the "Tugalo Blues" & we returned to the reserve,
only 1 mile off where we arrived a little before day. I assure you
I was quite exhausted & had had but little time to cook during the
day. Here again was a trial of a soldiers life. I slept but little
while as at daybreak the report of a gun was heard & it was in the
direction of our Pickets. Soon all was in a perfect confusion to
be ready to march as the pickets had not.

Sept. the 30th. Monday 1861

In a few minutes we had our guns & were ready for a fight, when
in came our Pickets & said they had fired upon the enemy & had wounded
2. The cavalry could be seen running in every direction, when Lo!
in a few minutes some the Pickets came bringing in 2 wounded men.
Alas! through mistake our men had wounded 2 the 11th Geo Reg, mis-
taking them for the enemy. The wound was slight. The mistake was
caused by a part the "Cavalry" had come back in the rear to gain a
better position not knowing that we were so close to each other, &
our orders were to shoot the first man we saw, & we did so. All was
soon quiet again, & we had the day to rest as I had seen but little
rest for 3 days. So of course I was proud to have a few hours to sleep
& cook something to eat. We rested until evening fine. We had no
provisions scarcely to eat, but little flour & a few rough pieces of
beef, & no utensils to cook in. We borrowed something to cook in &
had no Sifter & the flour was full of chaff & trash so we let all
remain & got some water from a mud hole & without salt soda or lard
we made bread & fried a few pieces of beef, & eat as if we thought
we never would eat any more, it was rough but we liked it well. This
was soldiers life a rough life, but I liked it fine, fine.

October the 1st. Tuesday. 1861

We rested fine last night. A slight frost this morning. All
quiet at 11 A. M. & all resting fine. 2 P. M. orders came for us to
build another breastworks. So at it we went. Some carrying rails &
wood on our shoulders a distance of 200 yds. & it quite warm. I soon
got tired of it as my shoulder soon got soar. After working 3 hours
we soon had it finished, & now what is this done for is the query from
every lip. It was of no use at all, as no enemy did come. After
finishing it all returned to the reserve, only a short distance off.

At 6 P. M. our Company was ordered to go on an advanced post in
a different direction from the way any had been. We arrived at our
post at dark and built a fire, contrary to the rules. 2 of the boys were put on a post 30 yrs from the "Cavalry" & ½ mile from the enemy. I was put on post at 2 A.M. in the road. We had to stand quite often as most the Company was taken sick & had gone to the Camps. So it went harder with the few remaining. Henderson, Gullatt & Lieut Hearnesberger both were sick. All past off very well that night. I got but little sleep.

Oct. the 2nd. "Wednesday" 1861

Drizzling rain this morning. Gen "Stuart" made us put out our fire, & made us advance nearer. So we were with the "Cavalry." I & "Hawes" stood on a high hill & I recon the enemy saw us. We kept hid in some pine brush. We got our dinner at a house near us, we were quite hungry as we had eaten no supper or breakfast. Our dinner was a few rasher of fat bacon, milk & bread. I liked it fine as I was very hungry. The old gentleman had a fine "Niece" (Miss Taylor) She was the person who told "Beauregard" the Yankees were going to Leesburg "on the cars" & their movements, where he had a force to meet them & fired into the cars killing & capturing several of them. At 2 P.M. a detail from our Company commanded by Serg't Thompson, went out on a Scouting expedition & went beyond the Cavalry to a house to see if the enemy was there, he returned but saw no enemy only their encampment some ½ mile off. At 4 P.M. we were relieved by a Company of the 8th Geo Reg & then we rejoiced as we were going to our Camp a distance
of 11 miles, having been from them 6 days & had undergone several hardships without scarcely any thing to eat. We left our post a little before dark & arrived at the reserve at dusk or a little before. When we arrived there the Reg was nearly ready to leave. Soon we were in the road. Such hollering all filled with fun, very jovial. We were soon from the X Roads the roads had dried considerable so we got on fine. Dark soon overtook us. We marched a double quick, 7 miles to Fairfax C. H. arrived there at 8 1/2 P. M. very tired tired. The town was lighted up & looked fine. Several fair ladies could be seen by the reflection of the Candles. After a march of 1 mile we rested as I was nearly overcome with my gun &c. We rested 1/2 hour & at a quick step we were nearly to the Camps when we were ordered to stop as we were making too much noise to go to the Camp. We were scattered all along the road for 2 miles. Some pretty well tired down, we arrived at the Camp in good order at 10 P. M. having marched 12 miles in 3 hours. Here again we were at the Camp our home, it indeed felt like home, having taken one degree in a soldiers life I shall not say any more about the trip for it cannot be described. But the events, the trials of my trip to "Falls Church" will long, long, be remembered. Yes, the 27th to the 2d day of Oct never will be forgotten by me, it will ever have a green spot in my memory.

Oct. the 3d. "Thursday" 1861

Received a box from home with several articles in it, also cakes
Potatoes & light bread

No roll this morning we got up at sunrise several complaining.
I feel quite worried & tired. I eat a very hearty breakfast. All
lying about resting & sleeping no drill. "Marion Wright" & Lieut
"Lane" quite sick. Several washing their cloths &c

Oct. the 4th. Friday. 1861

I went to "Fairfax Station" today to see "Brother" & carried him
several things I & he rec'd from home. Rode in a wagon to the station
& in the Ambulance to Sangsters Roads remained with him 4 hours eat
dinner with him & then with Frank "Norman" left his Camp at 3 P. M.
he and Frank & Jones went as far as the Station with me, & then I
walked nearly all the way to the Camps where I arrived at 6 P. M. I
remained with Wes Ruling ½ hour it was a warm & pleasant day.

Oct. the 5th. Saturday.

Drilling this morning 2 P. M. received orders to send all the
sick & all the baggage & most the cooking utensils to the Station.
We had several sick in our Company Lieut "Pascal" Willingham Lackart
2 Elliott & several more all sent off. Some 50 of the Reg sent off,
as several of the Reg were quite sick. Soon the waggons were loaded
with a part the baggage & off they go to the Station, arrived back at
Camp at dark & were again loaded. We were up nearly all night going
to & from the Station (only 3 miles)

At 9 P. M. I lie down quite tired & sleepy but had just got to
sleep when I was awoke & told to cook 3 days rations for the sick
we sent to the Station. This was enough to aggravate any man, who
was as tired as I was. So I, "Dalis" & several more in our mess
were busy cooking. We were so mad we did not put no soda or lard
in the biscuits, but made them up any way. The beef was soon boiled
& biscuits made & packed in a box & put in a waggon & sent to the
Station. All was done by 12 P. M. when we again went to bed &
rested fine till morning.

Oct. the 6th. Sunday. 1861

Received a letter from D. E. F. today. All the excitement
subsided & all quiet. Wind blowing quite hard today. Answered D. E.
F's letter this evening. Lieut "Lans" about well. John Daniel
quite sick also Thom Sale. Nothing transpired of importance today
as I am writing all the evening.

Oct. the 7th. "Monday"

Drilling Battalion drill

Warm & pleasant all day. Nothing of interest transpired today.
All quite lively. Night has come, we sit up quite late & had a fire
before our tent. We sit & talked about the several incidents & our
"loved ones"

Oct. the 8th. Tuesday.

Long roll beat this morning before day, all aroused from sleep,
hardly having time to put on our clothes. Some running out without
their shoes, but we got our guns & accoutrements & were soon in line roll called & all the Reg'nt formed in line of battle, it quite cold & we standing in line before light, when we Rec'd orders to pack up everything & go to cooking 3 days ration. At sun rise all was quiet & a part of our rations cooked. So the day passed away without any more excitement, drilling again. No more news of importance today.

Oct. the 9th. Wednesday, 1861

Received orders this morning to take down tents pack up every thing and load waggons & be ready to leave. Soon tents & baggage were all ready to leave, when the order was countermanded, & some went to putting up tents again, while several especially our mess, let the tents remain on the ground all night. All the excitement over & all quiet & nothing of importance transpired worth noting down. Several sick in camps.

Oct. the 10th. Thurs.

I am on guard today around the Camps. Received a letter from B. A. Arnett today, drilling as ever. All quiet in Camps; various rumors in circulation but none confirmed; heavy cannonading towards "Alexandria."

Oct. the 11th. Friday.

Drilling as ever and everything going on as usual. Quite cold & cloudy today. 8 O'clock at night heavy rain, all night about as heavy as I ever heard fall
Oct. the 12th. Sat. 1861

Clear & cold this morning, roads very sloppy. I went to Fairfax Station to see if our baggage &c was wet & get some few articles for the "Capt." Most of the baggage dry, the whole place filled with baggage of different Reg'mts. I did not succeed in getting anything as I had only a pass from the Capt. & did not have the Col's name to it. So I taken a trip in vain. Arrived at Camps at 1 P. M. when they were drilling, &c

Oct. the 13th. Sunday.

Clear & cold this morning. No preaching today as tis to damp & cold. All lying about in their tents some sleeping & looking very lazy. No news of importance

Oct. the 14th. "Monday."

Drilling as ever today, quite a pleasant day. Received a letter from Steed & Tom Norman. "Brother" & "Frank Norman" came to see me today & remained all day. Had a very good dinner, chicken pie, Potatoe custard & eggs for dinner, but had no plates scarcely to eat out. Quite a Jovial day with a great deal of fun. After noon we had to sweep the yards & carry off the trash. Quite dusty.

Oct. the 15th. "Tuesday"

Drilling as ever this morning. All quiet now.

2 P. M. Out on brigade inspection this eve, & returned to Camps at 5 P. M. when we prepared supper, having sent several the sick to
the Station, Gullars, Hopkins, Fouch, Criseman, Florence & G. P. Albera, the latter very sick of Typhoid fever.

9 P. M. Soon we or at least I was sound asleep, when I was aroused by the long roll, drums beating in every direction, & everyone in confusion. We were soon in line, roll called & we received orders to take down tents, pack up every thing in the waggons & be off as soon as possible as the enemy was advancing, & all we could not get in the waggons to burn it, & only 1 waggon to the Company. Here again was a trial of the soldiers life. I was quite sleepy, but no excuse now. So all was as busy as could be, it quite dark & cold. The waggons were soon all loaded with as much as could be put on them & not more than half the baggage on them. I made out to slip a part of my clothing in the waggon contrary to orders, as I had more than I could carry, 4 heavy blankets & 3 pr of pants, it was more than I could march with, besides a Knapsack full, gun &c & now burn what was left to keep the enemy from it. This was more than we could do, as several the boys had left more than half their clothing & nearly all our tents. This was too much to do, so we thought we would risk the consequences. The Capt could not put all his baggage in, he left all his wine, crackers & apples. We soon devoured it.

At 11 P. M. the waggons were in the road & the Company formed in line behind them. Slowly did we march of from Camp "Pine Creek," leaving behind half the tents, blankets &c it was a bitter pill,
but we must endure it, as this was a soldiers trial. We marched \( \frac{1}{2} \) mile from the dear old spot which looked like home, & stoped 2 hours, all were in line to rest. Soon we had fires made & several of us made a rude pallet & were soon asleep as it was quite cold. I, Hen & Peter, Dallis & a few more kept warm on the wine, we found it was quite a lively time. At 12 P. M. (midnight) the waggons of the Brigade, some 50 in all, were in the road & the 3 Reg'mts in 8 ranks behind them making a line 1 mile long. After a slow march of a mile we stoped to rest & evry 1 mile we would stop as it would take us an hour to march a mile. Soon we got so sleepy we scarcely could walk marching very slow, we would stop on a few minutes & we would be sleep in a second. I slept walking along Of all the trips & tiresome journeys this was the tiresom & sleepiest I ever experienced. We marched all night from 11 P. M. till 8 A. M. & marched only 6 miles. We arrived at "Centerville" at eight & stoped an hour, as the whole place was filled with Soldiers, soldiers, soldiers, & waggons coming from evry direction I never saw such a time, the road & old field crowded. All seem to be going the same route we did. As we passed through Centerville we could see the women crying they told us not to leave them exposed to the enemy, it was a terrible time. Waggon & soldiers filled the road. We arrived at "Cub Run" at 7 A. M. & rested \( \frac{1}{2} \) hour very drowsy & hungry. Several the waggons turning over. All off again, after a march of \( \frac{1}{2} \) mile we stoped & began to unload waggons. This was soon done, when we had something prepared to eat, having eaten sufficient all were soon asleep, some in evry direction through the old field.
At 11 A.M. the waggons were again sent back to the old Camp to get all the baggage & evry thing we had left. Oh! how happy we were to go back to get our blankets, as some had left all. The rest of us went to putting up our tents & arraigning evry thing & at dark evry thing was all right & all our blankets, tents & other things had come.

Night has come & supper is eaten. All very sleepy & tired, & by time our rude pallet were made we were asleep in a minute. ———

All slept soundly that night, I dont think I awoke all night. It was a sweet sleep to me sure. This truly was the 2nd. degree of Soldiers life, but we enjoyed it fine. The events of that night I never shall forget, for half the incidents of that night is not descibed, but memory will ever contain them.

Oct. the 16th. Wednes. 1861.

The whole army of "Potomac" encamped around Centerville, the whole country filled with tents. I recon there are 25000 Soldiers in 2 miles sqr the hills are white with tents & looks like a city. It is a sight worth seeing.

All resting today as we felt quite tired. Wrote a letter home. Cloudy & rainy this eve, quite cold.

Oct. the 17th. Thursd

Raining this morning all resting & lying about till eve. 2 P.M. Clearing off, drilling Battalion drill.

Col. "Thomas" made a speech this eve encouraging us, & saying he
was looking for a battle soon, loud cheers, from the Reg't, saying
"Let them come & they will meet with a warm reception."

Quite a pleasant evening.

Oct. the 18th. "Friday" 1861.

No excitement today all quiet, & regular drilling going on.
"Kendall" sent to "Manassas" sick with Jaundice.

Cloudy & cool this evening.

Oct. the 19th. Sat.

Raining slowly today. Our tents are in a sloppy place & the streets very muddy. Brigades guard around the encampment. Lieut. "Lans" on guard. 2 P. M. Still raining & quite cold. No drill today no news worth writing.

Oct. the 20th. "Sunday"

I am detailed to go up in "Lowdon" County today & get "Oats" & straw for the tents 10 miles from the Camp (or Centerville) we east from the latter place. Went 4 miles beyond the pickets, passed several "women" who seemed to be in great trouble as they said the enemy were advancing; passed through a beautiful scope of country, fine houses, & the people generally wealthy. Arrived at the place to get Oats at 2 P. M. he was a fine man, gave me my dinner free.

After eating sufficient I loaded the Wagons with straw, & hope to fill the sacks with 50 bushels of "Oats." The oats were put up
different from any I had ever seen. A h. rail pen was first made & the cracks filled with straw very close so rain could not get in & the Oats poured in the pen & straw packed on top very high & withs to hold it on, & when any was taken out a rail was let out & then you could get out the Oats & stop it & you could not tell whether any was ever taken out, a new way to me. I think I shall try the mode, if I live to get home, as they will keep very dry.

We left there at 5 P. M. & by time we got to the pickets it was quite dark. The roads near Centerville were very rough & I riding on top of a waggon of straw, with a sorry driver, I did not feel very safe, by time we were in 2 miles of Centerville it was very dark. We stoped a few minutes to let a man carrying a wounded man who was shot in the thigh by the Yankees, as our Pickets (Cavalry) were driven in; we arrived at Camps at 10 P. M. quite cold & found all sleep but the "Capt" who was up being a little sick.

Soon I eat a little cold bread as I was hungry & went to bed & slept soundly till morning.

Oct. the 21st. "Monday." 1861

Battle at Leesburg today could hear the guns very plain. Drilling today, very clear & while on a high hill I saw the enemy's Balloon, who was up I recon to see where we were at! A warm & pleasant evening

Oct. the 22nd. "Tuesday."

Report confirmed of the battle at "Leesburg" which resulted in a
great victory for us. Received orders this eve to cook something to eat for the prisoners we taken at the battle. (750) Soon all were very busy cooking & when done we put it in the waggons & sent it to them at "Stone Bridge" Several the Reg'mt went & saw the prisoners they were very hungry. They got several trophies from them, Overcoats, blankets &c.

At 8 P. M. we received orders to cook 3 days rations & be ready to go on Picket next morning. Here was a task, to go to cooking that late at night, & it raining very hard & very muddy & dark; & but little wood & no candles & cook in the rain & it very cold & sloppy! Was enough to try the faith of an man, but we are Soldiers & a Soldiers life is hard, & he must take what comes. So at it we go, are finished at 11 P. M. all very wet & muddy. "Cooking" is a trial for me. I had rather do anything else, & when it comes to do it in the dark cold rainy nights & it very muddy is pretty tough, but I have got use to it.

At midnight all was ready to go to bed, as we could not dry, so we lie down in our cloths, & slept soundly, for a Soldier can sleep anywhere if it is in a mud hole. Morning came & raining still, but quite slowly.

Oct. the 23d. "Wednesday." 1861

Breakfast got & eat in haste, line formed & roll called, & the waggons filled with our provisions & Blankets. At 9 A.M. all were in the road, the roads very sloppy & muddy, so we taken the mud. Arrived at "Centerville" where we remained one hour, as we did not know which
direction we were to go. We received orders & were soon in the road to go on picket due east of "C" in the direction of "Leesburg" the roads from "Centerville" to the line of Pickets were very muddy & I got quite muddy.

After a muddy & tiresome march of 5 miles we reached the post at 2 P. M. & relieved the 2nd Geo Vol. 2 of the Companies were sent out. I was put on guard around the Camps, it was a cold & damp night. I stood on the Creek & when relieved at night, had to cross the Creek, it so dark I could scarcely see & so cold I thought I would freeze. As I wrapped up in a blanket & sat down on the bank of the Creek morning come & the ground frozen, ice plenty & a frost like a snow. I was glad when morning came as I was then relieved.

Oct. the 24th. Thursday. 1861.

All under our brush arbors quite a cold day. 2 other Companies sent out today to relieve the first two we sent out. Our Company is lying about their tents. A detail from several of the Companies to keep down all the noise & large fires in Camps.

Oct. the 25th. "Friday."

Our Company sent out today on picket & relieved the "Pool" Volunteers. I am put on the 6th post on a high hill near a house, where I and Ranson got our supper & Breakfast at a fine old ladies house. Here for the first time I sat down to the table to eat in 5 months. We had a fine supper & Breakfast.
I stood 4 hours at night without any fire. We stood 2½ hours & was relieved next day at 2 P. M. by a Company of the 9th Geo Reg'mt Oct. the 26th. "Saturday." 1861

Returned to the reserve only 2 miles off, & was relieved by the 9th Geo Reg'mt. Arrived at Camps at 3 P. M. loaded the wagons & soon we were all in line & off we go to the Camps. Our Company was commanded by Lieutnant "Edwards" of Boman, Vol. of "Elbert" Co. by the way he is a very nice young man & one that has a great influence. We were all well pleased with him. The roads on our Journey back to the Camps were quite dry, & we got along fine. Arrived at Centerville at 4 P. M. all quite tired. From thence to the Camps a mile. Often did we break ranks & run out to get apples & other trash when the "Col" ordered us back to lines. We arrived at Camps at 5 P. M. all hungry & tired & found Lieutnant Hearnesberger in Camps, who had just returned from Richmond. After passing a few Jokes, & eaten a nice supper that was ready when we got to Camps prepared by P. Gullatt, Jun. we sit up quite late & rested fine that night. I dont think I awoke all night, but dreamed a pleasant dream at night which I never shall forget.

Oct. the 27th. "Sunday"

Quite a pleasant day & do not look much like Sunday. All resting today & washed & put on clean clothes.

2 P. M. Cloudy & windy. All lying about, doing fine. I have been asleep most of the day & have kept no incidents. So nothing of importance transpired.

Cold & windy today. All the Reg. fired off their guns. Tis a cloudy, cold day. Sims & H. Cullatt quite sick with "Camp fever." But few sick. Drilling Battalion drill this evening. All doing very well.

Oct. the 29th. "Tuesday."


I am on guard today. Pay Roll brought around, & we had orders not to leave the Camps. Gen. "Toombs" gave a dinner & supper to the leading officer of the Army, & several got drunk & had a row with Major Hill.

Received a letter from F. G. H. this eve, also one from home. Cloudy & cold.

Oct. the 31st. Thurs.

Answered F. G. H's letter. Drilling as ever. "Jared Folk" quite unwell, also "Wil. Cobb." Raining a little this eve. All preparing for the rain as tis quite cold. No news today.

November the 1st. "Friday."

Rain & wind. A severest Storm raging as I ever saw. Wind very
high, tents blowing down. A few sick in Camps & can scarcely keep
them dry as the wind is very high & rain rain. "Sims" quite sick,
but he is in a tent. We can hardly keep from falling down, tents,
& blankets very wet. No place to be at as tis so windy & wet.

3 P. M. Wind still very high, raining very hard, tents most
of them fell down & soe proped. No dinner today as tis to rainy &
windy

6 P. M. No supper as we cant keep no fire. Wind very high, no
dry place to sleep at, every thing very wet.

9 P. M. Still raining & the wind very high. It was one of the
severest storms of wind & rain I ever experienced. But little sleep
tonight.

12 P. M. Rain ceased but the wind very high.

Nov. the 2nd. Saturday. 1861.

Windy & cloudy today; ground very muddy & wet. All very hungry,
we are preparing something to eat. Every thing wet & damp. "Sims"
& "Cartlege" quite sick; Lieutent H. quite sick; all doing nothing.
All quiet.

"Nov." the 3d. "Sunday."

Clear & windy. Sun shining beautiful. All busy drying their
blankets &c Quite a pleasant day. No news, as I have been lying
down most the day. "Will. Elliott" of the 17th Geo Reg. came to
see us. He looks fine.

Drilling again as ever. All very anxious to hear what became of the "Lincoln" fleet, that sailed South. Lieut. Hearnesberger & Sims both quite sick & sent to Richmond.

Pres. Colvin went with Lieut. H. to Manasses & when he got there accompanied him to Richmond, as the Lieut'nt was quite sick.

Nov. the 5th. Tuesday.

Ashmore & Dunoway quite sick & sent to "Richmond." Several quite unwell in the Com. Capt. "Lamar" quite sick but still going about. Drilling again. All our officers sick.

Nov. the 6th. Wednesday.

No news today, all quiet. Heavy cannonading towards "Aquia Creek." Received the news that a part of Lincoln's fleet was lost & several his men, by the late Storm. Clear & warm.

Nov. 7th. "Thursday."

Received a letter from home & answered it. Received orders to cook & prepare 3 days rations to go on picket on the "Leesburg" road, 5 miles from Camps. All quite busy cooking. I am detailed to work on breastworks today. Worked 4 hours.

Nov. 8th. Friday.

Our "Capt." quite sick. So our Company was commanded by Lieut "Tilley" of the "Steven Home Guards." At 8 A. M. all our blankets & provisions in the waggons & off we go, leaving several sick viz
"Toombs," "Cullars," who has just returned from Richmond with Mumps "Jennings."

All in line & off we go, marched 3 miles & then stop, rested a while & go. Arrived at post "No." 9 at 12 A.M. & relieved the 2nd Geo Reg. Our Company put on post at night & no fire allowed & it very cold. Our post was at a saw mill, left our provisions in the wagons & now nothing to eat & we were not allowed to go to no house for nothing. So I got no supper. I stood 4 hours in the night.

Morning came & it raining rained all day & we were relieved at 2 P.M. by the "Volunteers." Roads to the reserve very muddy. We got very wet; arrived at the reserve & nothing but brush tents & it cold & raining, built a fire & soon got Supper in the rain, lie down in the rain, & slept soundly all night. I did fine.

Nov. the 9th. "Saturday." 1861.

Clear & cold. All sitting about & drying our blankets, doing nothing but eat & sleep. Nothing of importance to write.

Nov. 10th. Sunday.

Warm & pleasant. Several of us went out in the country to get something to eat; walked 3 miles & went to several houses before we could get anything to eat. At last went to a clever ladies house & give us molasses pumpkin & cornbread & milk. I was very hungry so I eat sufficient, & then offered pay but she refused. We made her take a $1. We sit & talked some time. She told us about her brother who
got killed in "Leesburg" fight, he drew his type on a piece of paper before he left for the fight as he said he expected he would get killed.

We soon left for the Camps, & stoped at a young ladies house who talked with us, & then went to the Camps, where we arrived at 4 P. M. without any supper. We soon lie down & slept soundly, dreaming pleasant dreams.


Walked 1½ mile with two others to get breakfast, where we got a fine one for 50c. The walk was quite early & damp & rough one. Crossed the "Cub Run" on a pole, to a nice house. Got our breakfast & returned to the Camps. I eat so much I had no appetite for several days, & every time I see anything for 2 days to eat would make me sick.

We were relieved at 12 A. M. by the 11th. N. C. Reg. All our blankets &c. were soon in the waggons & we in the road, had quite a pleasant walk to the Camps, where we arrived at 4 P. M. & found our Capt quite sick & I had a severe headache all the eve & night. Capt left in the "Ambulance" for Manassas as he was quite sick. We was very sorry to see him leave as we had no officers to see to our affairs.

He left at 5 P. M. & bid us "Good Bye."

9 P. M. Mrs. "Leman" arrived in Camps to see the Capt & Lo; he was gone. She remained in Camps till 10 P. M. when Sale accompanied her to Manassas & soon we were dispersed to our various quarters & rested till morning.
Nov. the 12th. Tuesday. 1861.

All quiet today. All resting finely, & doing nothing. Heavy cannonading towards "Centerville." I am detailed to work on breastworks today.

Nov. 13, "Wednesday."

Several of our Company working on breastworks. Clear & pleasant. Nothing of interest to note down.

Nov. 14th. "Thursday."

I am detailed on breastworks today. Gen. "Beauregard" & Staff passed when I was working, had to pick the hard ground which was quite hard work. A detail from our Reg. ordered to prepare a place to move our tents. So at 3 P. M. we taken down tents & loaded wagons & soon moved everything a distance of 300 yds & put up tents & soon had evry thing arranged again.

Nov. the 15th. "Friday."

I am on breastworks today, & worked quite hard as I used a spade & had to throw the dirt 5 feet high. Calloway & Dallis built a chimney to our tent which made it quite comfortable as it was quite cold.

Heavy cannonading towards "Alexandria." All very buisy enlarging the encampment.

Nov. the 16th. Sat.

A detail on the breastworks composed of 2 Peter Gullatts, Hames, & several more. No news today. All quiet.

All lying about doing nothing. Willie Elliott taken dinner with us. Received news this eve that the Capt was about to die.

Nov. 18th. Monday.

Thos Sale left today for Warrenton to see the Capt who was very sick; I am on breastworks today also "Murray & Brumby"

A detail to cut wood today, 2 from each Company. Evry thing going on as usual.

Nov. the 19th. Tuesday.

Received the sad news today of the death of Capt "Lamar" who died the 17th. He was dead 2 days before we found it out & his remains sent home.

A Solemn Gloom hangs over our Company & evry eye is moistened with tears, for the death of our beloved Capt whom all loved, "peace to his ashes."

Nov. 20. Wednesday.

Orders came for us to prepare & go out on picket, & to cook only 1 days ration & pack two days in a box & be ready to go

Soon all were ready & off we go leaving behind several sick

Arrived at post No. 10 at 11 A. M. & relieved the 2d. Geo. Reg. We had brush arbors, & plenty of wood. 2 Companies were sent out an advance post
Nov. the 21st. Thursday, 1861.

All lying about in the brush arbore. I got a pass to go back to the Camps to see Mr. Steed, where I arrived at 10 A. M. & remained with Mr. Steed all night. He & Ken Gullatt & Wes came together the 2 latter came from Richmond.

Mr. Steed sit in the tents & told me all about home. At night he had prayer for us the first time I have heard a prayer in several months; He remained till next day.

Nov. 22nd. Friday.

Mr. Steed & Peter went to see Gen. Toombs about getting a discharge for Lieut. "Pascol." At 12 A. M. Peter went to see Gen. Smith for him.

I left for the pickets at 1 P. M. & Mr. Steed went to Manasses; Peter carrying him, & then looked for Wil Cobb. When he heard he was in Chimborozo Hospital.

I arrived at the picket camp at 4 P. M. & found all quite lively as our Company did not have to go on post all look quite lazy.

Nov. the 23d. "Saturday," 1861.

We were relieved today by the 17th Geo Reg. returned to Camp at 3 P. M. where we arrived at dark & found all doing fine. Jack Watkins & Cartlage both quite sick. Supper being over we went to bed quite early & slept soundly & well, as we had a fire all night, & awoke early next morning. So I am in fine health.

Nov. 24th. Sunday.

No news to write but all going on finely, few sick, & all in fine spirit.
I am on breastworks today. I am in the best of health. Quite cold today, ice plenty.

Nov. the 25th. Monday. 1861.

"Salle" returned from "Warrenton" today.

received a letter from home

Jobe Reid quite sick with the Typhoid Fever. Rem Remson sent to Richmond with the "Camp Fever" received the news of the death of John "Reynolds" who died in Richm'd

Nov. the 26th. "Tuesday."

G. W. Graves taken quite sick last night, few of the Company sick.

Apples quite plentiful in Camps

Nothing new transpiring in Camps, all quiet no good news. All well satisfied.

Nov. the 27th. "Wednesday.

Detailed to work on breastworks I & "Coon" Clase. Quite a cold & windy day, doing nothing but work on breastworks & cut & haul wood.

All doing nothing but eating & sleeping. "Cannonading" at Centerville.

Nov. the 28th. Thurs.

Nothing new transpiring Nothing worth noting down as incidents, only we get no "Coffee" today but plenty of flour Sugar & buf beef, which latter I almost abominate

I am as healthy as I ever was, in fine humour.
Nov. the 29th. "Friday." 1861.

I am on breastworks today, I & McCord & Murray

All look very lazy in Camps. Getting plenty to "eat" & to waste, but few sick in Camps. One the "Steven Guards" died. Our Company in very good health. "Reid" improving

Nov. the 30th. Saturday.

Very Cold today & prospect of rain or sleet

No news today, nor no war news. But all in good health. Received a letter from home. I am in good health & well satisfied, & living fine.


Cold & Rainy damp weather. All lying about doing nothing. No news worth relating; but all in fine health, with a plenty to eat.

Dec. 2nd. Monday,

Received orders to be ready to go on picket. Soon the wagons were loaded with 3 days rations & our blankets, the roll called & off we go, leaving the Camps at 9 A. M. leaving behind several sick, "Wright," "Reid," "Jennings," & Cartlege. Also a detail of 4 men to work on breastwork.

roads quite muddy & very cold. Arrived at post No. 9, & were ordered 2½ miles in a different direction from the way we expected, passing by No. 9, & going in a westerly direction, crossing "Cub Run" on a log, several falling in & it very cold & cloudy, going over a new
rough & muddy road, arriving at the place at 3 P. M. All very tired & hungry, as we had gone 3 miles out our way.

relieved the 2nd Geo Reg. the place was a swampy & damp place.

We were put on advance post first. So off from the reserve we go through a rough muddy country ½ mile from the reserve.

As I was passing to my post saw "John Kendrick" and old acquaintance. I was very glad to meet him, we had no time to talk. Arrived at post at 4 P. M. At night I stood 4 hours it very cold ice plenty. My & T. Sales post was on a high hill near the gap the Enemy passed through when retreating from Manassas. The ground was frozen, & I thought it was the coldest night I ever experienced. I have seen cold time at night but the 4 hours I stood that night on the high hill & the wind blowing so, will ever be remembered by me. I was glad when morning came for I was cold & hungry.


Cold, ice all day, expected to be relieved this morning, as we stood 2½ hours, but was disappointed & had to stand 2½ more. Very cold all day. I stood 4 hours today. Major McIntosh passed me on post. I thought the wind would blow me away. Night came & found us with but little to eat. I am on guard at 12 P. M. & at day break; my feet very cold. I was glad when morning came, for I thought I would freeze. I never shall forget those two nights, as long as I live.

Dec. 4th. "Wednesday."

Eat breakfast this morning at a house close by & had a very sorry
fared & paid 50c. Relieved at 10 A. M. by the "R. C. Guards" & returned to the Camps all very cold, ice 2 inches thick & cloudy. Cold, cold, sure. Arrived at the reserve at 11 A. M. & soon had some beef & bread to eat. "Galloway" taking sick & returned to Camps. He has the "Jaundice".

Night has come & a poor supper eaten. All quite jolly, & had a pleasant & sweet sleep at night as we were deprived of it for 48 hours. I slept soundly, & did not move scarcely.

Dec. the 5th. Thursday. 1861.

Slept quite late this morning, no breakfast scarcely. All sitting around a log fire as the so cold.

2 P. M. A sorry dinner eaten as we were out. Relieved at 3 P. M. by the 17th. Geo. Reg. Soon all were in line & off we go passing through a large body of woods & swamp arriving at Camps at 8 P. M. it very dark & we tired, hungry & sleepy. Supper soon eaten & 2 letters from me one from Pa & one from J. K. L. answered Pas at night. All quite lively. I sit up quite late & I am in fine health.

Dec. the 6th. "Friday."

Answered J. K. L.'s letter today. Lieut "Hearnesberger" arrived in Camp from Richmond. Cartlage & Galloway quite sick & Thom Sale taken quite suddenly. All very glad to see Lieutenant "H". No news to note down.

I am detailed on breastworks working 4 hours & using a pick in a rocky hard ground.

I got very tired as I worked 4 hours eat dinner today with Willi Elliott. Election came off today for Capt, 1st & 3d "Lieutenants" resulted in a unanimous vote for Harnesb. Capt, & P. Gullatt, 1st Lieut & T. V. Dallis 3d Lieut, & H. Gullatt unanimously for orderly.

All very well pleased with the election.

Dec. the 8th. "Sunday."

A little excitement in Camp. Regt Called up in line Cartridges examined & orders to be ready. Night has come, & all is quiet, but be ready if we are called.

Dec. 9th. Mon.

All quiet this morning. 2 men of the "Tigers" shot today for disobeying orders. Several of the Company went to see them shot. Our Company finished the breastworks today. Warm & pleasant weather like Spring. No detail today scarily, all look quite lazy, & dull & no news to write.

Dec. 10th. "Tuesday."

Feyton "Florence" returned from Richmond. Quite cold & a sudden change in the weather. All quite healthy. I am not so well I think I have the "Jammed" but still I am on duty, have but little appetite to eat.

Wrote a letter home today. Cloudy & warm in the morning. Windy & cold in the evening. No news to note down, but all doing fine, & in the best of health. All quite lively, & full of fun.

Dec. 12th. "Thursday."

Col. "Stevens" resigned today. Received pay today for 2 months up to Nov, via 22₁₂₄₄ & 3 for balance and for clothing. Went to Manassas today for the mail. Came back by where the "Tigers" were shot. Jobe Reid returned home today on sick Furlough for thirty days, but few sick in Camp. All lively at present.

Dec. the 13th. "Friday."

Very cold today, ice all day; ground frozen.

Rec'd a letter from Bud, I have no appetite to eat scarcely anything. All sitting around the fire as it is very cold, but we stand it fine, no grumbling but all well satisfied. Several applications for furloughs.

"Ben Mumpford & "Callars" both have the "Jaundice."

Dec. the 14th. "Saturday."

I am detailed as a picket guard to go in a Southern direction from Camp across "Cub Run". Stood 2 hours in night in an open field without a blanket. (Lieutenant "Gallatt" being officer of the guard) Wind blew very hard & I had quite a disagreeable time, as I was unwell & had no appetite to eat; & I eat nothing for 24 hours, it was a clear & cold
night moon shone very bright. I sit & thought of the many happy
hours I had spent such a night with one who now was far, far from
me. I did very well all night as my officer favored me.


I returned to the Camps before my time was out as I was quiet sick,
arrived at Camps at 9 P. M. Quite cold at this time, sure.

Heavy cannonading at Centerville, heard the news which was con-
firmed that "Charleston" was partly consumed by fire. "Jennings"
furloughed home for 30 days as he is quite unwell. Clear & Cold
this evening. I & Lieut. Gullatt taken an evening walk out to Gen
Sims Reg. to see them out on dress parade. A pleasant Eve, sun set
clear & every thing looks charming.

Dec. the 16th. "Monday."

I remained in Camps all day as I felt quite sick; eat nothing to-
day. I am quite weak. Several of the Company gone home on furlough;
all quiet in Camps. J. W. McCord cut his foot with an axe.

Dec. the 17th. "Tuesday."

Davidson & Cartlage returned from "Richmond" the latter one
brought me a letter from "Sims" who also with "Benson" went home on
sick furlough for 30 days.

Apples plenty in Camps, all buying apples & pies. I am unwell
eat nothing today but a piece of turkey given to me by James Enright.
All quiet in Camps, & but little sickness. All quite lively.

I wrote a letter home today. One of the "Tugalo Blues" died today of Rheumatism named "Hamby."

Quite cold today & clear. I am quite weak & lying down most the time.

Dec. the 19th. "Thursday."

I went to Centerville today I & Sale & bought me something to eat such as Cheese Crackers & Pickles. Wind blowing hard making it very disagreeable. I am very tired with my walk, as I am quite weak; heard a report that our Pickets & the enemy has met which resulted in a stampede of the enemy. Received a letter from Pa, Vic Norman & M. N. O. this evening. Answered "M. N. O's" letter tonight. Sit up till 10 p. m. writing to O. After finishing the letter I eat some cheese & Pickles. All quite Jolly & lively. I feel quite sick, but still keep going.

Dec. 20th. "Friday."

Dr. "Alfriend" says I have the "Jaundice" & told me not to eat nothing scarcely. I have no taste for "Coffee & Beef" as this all I can get. Cloudy & warm John Dunaway returned from Culpeper Hospital on a furlough to the Camps of 4 days, looks quite bad. "Watkins" obtained a discharge & returns home today quite feeble. W. H. Cartlage left on a furlough of 30 days; Henderson "Gulatt" taken the "Mumps" today & went very light with him, he never stoped from duty. One the Company
("P. Guile") sent with the waggon to Drainsville to get some hay, he was ordered to take provisions & gun &c to be gone 3 days, he left at 9 A. M. Heavy cannonading towards Fairfax C. H. at 2 P. M. Quite a cold & cloudy eve.

5 P. M. Wagons & detail returned, did not get any hay, as they were driven back by the enemy. Received news that a fight taken place at "Drainsville". Orders came for us to prepare a day's rations & be ready at any moment during the night to be called to go to the scene of action.

We were soon in line & all were ready to leave any time during the night. I am detailed to guard the horses tonight, I was on 3 hours, wind blew on me cold as tiger a cold & windy night.

Report came at 10 P. M. that we were whiped, & suffered a heavy loss. "Ambulance" sent to bring in the dead & wounded as our loss was severe. All up quite late & a little excitement in Camps. I feel better tonight as I think I will get in a fight soon. Night passed away & none of us were disturbed during the night.


Very cold this morning. "Ambulance" returned from the battle near "Drainsville" & brought several wounded to Centerville. Reports our loss Killed 40, & 100 wounded, & several missing, but they are coming in constant. The 9th Geo & 16th Va & several others went to the battle field to attack the enemy & get our wounded, their orders from Gen. "Stuart" was to keep going until they got our wounded. Both
retreated with a loss. Our force of infantry was the 6th S. C. 1st Ky 10th Ala & 16 Va. Some 1200 in all, with "Gutta" Artillery, & a part of 2 Companies of Cavalry, while the enemy admit they had 15 Reg. beside several pieces of Artillery & a Reg of Cavalry. The enemy got most our wounded, but left them, & they report that the enemy carried of 30 waggon load & says their loss was 300 or more. The detail returned & said no enemy could be found & taken possession of the battle field & we hold it now. We have 8 missing in our loss, we had the Major in the 10th. Ala killed.

Nothing transpiring, only Major McIntosh was elected Lieutenant Col. in place of "Stevens" by a unanimous vote of the Reg.


Cloudy & very cold appearance of Snow. All quiet in Camp, doing nothing today as I feel quite sick. My eyes very yellow as the "Jaundice" has made its appearance. I am quite weak & eat nothing scarcely. I have just eaten several apples. I made me an apple pie for dinner.

Remained in the tents all day.

8 P. M. Raining slowly & quite cold; our tent fell in on us; & we got a little wet; Lieut'nt Dallis & Coon Glaze out all night on guard in the rain. Aroused from sleep by the rain falling on me.

Dec. the 23rd. "Monday."

Still raining with wind & sleet. Election for "Major". Capt'ns Smith & Farmer the Candidates, which resulted in the election of Smith
by 63 majority.

I went to Manassas today for the mail & to get into Brother's Box as I had several articles I wished & a nice present from "Lillian" but was disappointed as the Express office was to crowded to get in.

2 P. M. Snowing at present 'tis very cold riding. I got very wet before I reached the Camps. Met 2 waggons of "Coffins" with dead in them from the battle, carrying them to Manassas, to be sent home; Several of the killed brought to Centerville (40 in all) each Reg went & claimed its dead the 10th Ala & 16th Va suffered most.

8 P. M. Clear & cold. Wind blowing very hard & it seems as it will blow the tents away several blow'd down. I had to get up at 12 P. M. to fix ours.

Very cold. Slept quite cold, before day. Got up quite early.


Clear & very cold. Wind blowing quite hard. I & P. Cullatt Jr went to Centerville today, & bought Pickles, crackers & Pinders &c.

We went in the 6th, S. C. Reg. to see Berry "Arnott" he did not know me; he has been sick after "Jaundice" went in his tent; & talked some time with him, of the many pleasant hours; his Company had 2 killed. I saw some the wounded he told me all about the fight, his Reg had 17 killed & 45 wounded remained with him 2 hours as he was busy building quarters. Arrived at Camps at 9 P. M. Quite tired.

Dec. the 25th. Wednesday.

Christmas morning several Egg nogs in Camps several quite lively,
had a very good breakfast this morning.

We are sitting & talking of the many happy hours we spent together last year at this time. What a contrast between the two; one can hardly tell that it is Christmas. Twelve months from the present, how bright were all our joys & hopes & visions of the unknown future. How few of our fancied hopes & joys have been realized. A few more days an another year of life will have floated by & gone another page in the history of man is written. What sorrows the past year has brought on! Its traces are left on evry heart, its shadows on evry brow. How many of the brave & noble have fallen & now lie mouldering under the frosty sod! But the true & gallant soldier will avenge them. Though the tide of fortune like the mighty Ocean's wave has swept resentless over us, we are not conquered yet! Christmas of 1861 will long be remembered, many vacant chairs are to be seen, many sorrowing groups; but few gay parties, Why! because those who were with us, many are in the War while many fill a soldier's grave; Nothing transpiring in Camps all seem quite lively & seem to enjoy themselves very well.

I am improving quite slowly. No news, all remained in Camps.
No wood cutters today. We sit up quite late tonight talking of home & the loved ones! & the pleasure we enjoyed just a year ago tonight.
Slept soundly all night & arose quite refreshed.


The long roll beat one hour before day, all aroused from sleep expecting to go in a fight, roll called & the question was from many
"What's this for" breakfast eaten at day, & we received the orders to detail 20 men from each Company, to go & prepare a place to build winter quarters.

At 7 A. M. all were off but a few the few that remained was ordered to take down tents & pack up every thing. I with 4 more was all that was left able to do anything.

The work was quite hard but soon the wagons were loaded & off they went, leaving only the Capt & 3 men to guard & stay with the balance till morning. I & Lieut. "Gallatt" left 1 hour after the wagons left, & got in the pike at 10 A. M. where I saw wagons for 4 miles. I never saw so many together at one time, the roads were quite muddy. It seemed that the whole army was moving. Wagons & Soldiers, the road was full. When we got to "Cub Run" bridge several wagons were stalled, & such a hollering & such confusion. After a march of 4 miles we reached "Stone Bridge" a substantial bridge across the noted stream "Bull Run". We then left the pike & crossed the battle field of the 21/July, here again was mud & now the wagons began to stall, five stalled in 50 yds of each other. Such a Jolly time, this indeed was Christmas if any could be seen. I never saw such a time, it was a funny & lively time with me. After a march of 2 miles from where we stalled we reached this Camp ("Georgia") at 3 P. M. Wagons soon unloaded & some the company put up tents & sent the wagons back for the rest of the baggage. The place for our tents was a very damp place, so but few put up. I left all my blankets at Camp "Steina" so I was without any & it a very cold, damp night. I
made a fire & borrowed a blanket & kept quite warm around a hot fire, but just before day the wind commenced blowing very hard, when down came most the tents, day came & wind blowing very hard. Clear & cold, cold.


Breakfast eaten all busy engaged in building houses 3 from each Company detailed to build houses for the Field & Staff. Each Company building their own houses. Such working, each one seem to see which Company will finish first; we have only one axe, so our progress is slow. Wind blowing from the north west very cold

12 A. M. the ballance of the tents & baggage & Capt. arrived from the other Camp, but few tents of our Company put up in line as it was so windy & cold on the high hill & by permit from the "Lieut Col" we carried ours down under the hill in the woods, near a branch. Cold sure. Night came & water would freeze by the fire. We had a very comfortable fire, & slept very warm at night. All in fine health & lively.

Dec. the 28th. "Saturday."

I have eaten breakfast & am getting over the Jaundice, my appetite has come. Cold & wind still blowing very hard. Ground frozen several inches. 6 axes going today & the way trees fall. I am detailed as a cook from my mess. "Cullars" quite sick this morning, also Bohler, "Hurrey" has the mumps. Heavy camonading towards Aquia
Creek, reports that a fight was at "Evansport."

Very cold, all very busy this evening cutting logs

Night has come & very cold. We have plenty of milk & pies in our mess, doing fine.


Cloudy & cold.

Hauling logs today untill dinner as we cannot get the waggon but half the day. Commenced the Capt'n's & Mess No. 1 & 2's house today. Working on them all the eve. I carried up one corner. Very cold & cloudy.

Night has come, supper eaten & had plenty of milk & pies as we are furnished these by a person near the camps & can get them daily. Slept quite cold tonight, but morning came & found all in fine health, except Bullars & Bohler. I am improving daily.

Dec. the 30th. "Monday."

Building chimney to Capt'n's tent. Lieut. "Dallis" foreman.

Wagons gone to Gainesville after plank to cover the houses, hauling logs this morning.

R. F. Cullars applied for a sick furlough, also Peyten Florence. (Note: "Florence" appears to be a typographical error or misprint."

Night came & I eat quite a hearty supper for the first time in 3 weeks. Jobie Crawford sick.

All quite lively tonight, & went to bed late, with a great deal of fun. I feel quite well.
Dec. the 31st. Tuesday. 1861.

I am detailed to prepare a day's ration to go to "Groveton" to stand guard, as one from our Company is detailed every other day. Arrived there after a muddy walk of 3 miles & was put on guard at 4 P. M. & stood till 6 P. M. Stood in the road near Dr. "Graham's" yard gate. Groveton has 2 families living there, a P. O. Hotel & Store. Dr. has 2 nice daughters & several small boys & here for the first time in six months I had the privilege to see & hear a Baby cry. I stopped to listen. I stood guard at 4 A. M. till day. Morning came I eat breakfast at Mrs. Henry's, a fine lady, & had sausages, coffee, pork ribs, syrup (& my favorite) cornbread for which I paid 25c.

After eating Mrs. Henry asked me to sit up to the fire & talk. She had a pretty daughter. I told her this was the first time I had been in female company in six months. She asked me several questions I never shall forget the pleasant hour I spent with Mrs. Henry.

I left the house & went to my post which was only 50 yds from the house. The two Miss Grahams came out to the gate where I was standing guard, & after remaining there awhile she went in the parlor & I heard some nice music on the "accordion". I bought me a qt. of Syrup as I was about to leave, also 4 doz. eggs at 50 c per Doz.

Arrived at Camps at 12 P. M. with a sick headache. All were very busy on the houses.

Night came & the Capt. rec'd 10 Gallons of Whiskey. Several of the boys got quite lively & had a Jolly time. All were up quite late.
Thus ends six months of my life in Camps, the trials of the Soldiers, this is nearly a correct list of events. Several important events are not here in inscribed.
"1862"

January the 1st. Wednesday.

The old year with all its Joys & Sorrows are passed. It has been a year that will long be remembered. Its public records will stand preeminent on page of history.

The events of the past year will soon pass into oblivion, but it will leave an impress never, never to be obliterated while time last. Many remarkable years have past since the creation of time, but none more memorable of which will exercise a greater influence over the destinies of man than the past.

The new year still finds our gallant bretheren with stout hearts battling for Justice & the rights of man. The theme now is familiar to the civilized world. Our Cause thus far has been blessed of Heaven. And if true to ourselves the same omnipotent hand will lead us on in our triumphant career. To Him be the praise.

Quite a pleasant day. Wind from the South.

Hauled four logs of logs today. Thom Sale received a box of goodies from home.

All quite busy on houses. Nothing transpiring today worthy of note. I am about well of the "Jaundice". "Callars" leaves for home on 30 days furlough.

January the 2nd. "Thursday."

Hauled 3 loads of logs, till dinner. Capt'ns house dawbed &
ditched around & finished all to covering, finished ribing off 2 houses & commenced the 3 & 4th. Capt moved his baggage & tent in his house. Some cutting logs & some doing but little.

Cold & cloudy.

Jan. 3d. "Friday." 1862.

My Self, Capt, Lieutenants Gullatt & Dallis, Serg'tt Sale & Gullatt, & Olave & Hawes had a large Egg Nogg at day break. All got quite lively.

Halled 2 loads of logs by 12 A. M. built Chimney to one houses.

Wrote a letter home today. Quite cold at night with sleet.

Jan. the 4th. Saturday.

Cold & cloudy till 9 A. M. & then commenced snowing. Night came & the ground nearly covered with snow.

Halled logs in the morning, did but little work today.

Jan. the 5. "Sunday."

Clear & cold in morning but sleet in the evening. Halled logs ½ the day & put up the body of the 4 house today can hardly be recognized as Sunday, as we are all working as other days. Sleeted tonight. Slept a little cold tonight, built a chimney to our tent.

Jan. the 6th. "Monday."

Cloudy & cold ground covered with snow ½ inch deep, & we have to
toast our wood on our shoulders 100 yds. Halled a few rock today & built back in a few chimneys.

Jan. 7th. Tuesday. 1862.

Clear in morning & the ground still covered with snow. Halled bolts to make boards & rived a few boards. Cold & but little work going on. Wrote a letter home. No notes of today as nothing transpired.

January 8th. "Wednesday" 1862.

Peyton Florence left for home on a sick furlough of (30) days. Wrote a letter home & sent it by him. Snow is beginning to melt, very muddy & sloppy. Hauling logs a part the day. Some getting boards & chinking the houses.

None sick in the Company. John Bohler about well.

Jan. the 9th. "Thursday."

Received a letter from home & one from Miss "Russell" (my cousin) Cold & cloudy, built a chimney to our house, & clamped it. Night come & it commenced raining & rained most the night.

January the 10th. "Friday."

Very wet today & sloppy. A few working on the house, filled my bed tick with straw today. I am cook today for the men as they are working on the houses; night came & we had a pleasant nights rest. Slept very comfortable & had a pleasant dream of a certain one.
June the 11th. "Saturday." 1862.

Hauling rock today, very cold & damp. H. Gullatt & Sale went to Manassas to get the baggage &c that was sent there, (Oct. the 6), from Camp "Pine creek," brought most the things. Very muddy working & no news of importance.

January the 12th. "Sunday."

Pleasant & clear this morning. Jobe Reid & Thom Cobb have just returned from home. "Reid" says he got tired & was very anxious to get back. Brought several articles for the Company & a pr of pants to me & suspenders. Cloudy & windy in the evening, & any quantity of mud. I am detailed to work on the Staff's Houses, but did not work. Several the boys are working on their houses. Several the boys went to the battle field this evening & got several things. A very cold & wet night, but passed the night of in fun & sleep.

January the 13th. "Monday."

Myself, Hawes, & "Glasie" are getting slabs today to put a floor in our house. Finished getting them by 1 P. M. & then hauled them & got stalled as the roads were exceedingly muddy & sloppy.

Very cold & cloudy today.

Got dinner myself at 3 P. M.

Brother Rob't & Mr. Mahone came to see me, was very glad to see them as I had not seen him in 4 months. remained all night with me.

Commenced snowing at 10 P. M. & snowed all night. We all spent
a Jolly time together at night for the first time in a long time.
Slept comfortable all night.

January the 11th. Tuesd. 1862.
Still snowing this morn. Snow 6 inches deep. Brother staid all
day with me. Put a floor in our house today & moved in it in the
evening & had a great deal of fun as it was the first time in 6 months
we had all been together in a house. Filled our tick with straw &
had a nice bed on the floor. Sit up quite late. Cloudy & cold, &
snow do not melt any, sleeting at night which made the snow have a
crust.

Cold, cold sure. I & Brother wrote a letter home.
Capt left for Richmond.

January the 15th. 

Cold & cloudy.

"Brother" left this morning for his Reg'mt. The snow has a crust
on it which makes it difficult to walk. C. "Bentley" sent to Warrenton
to get "Corn." "Graham" & Reid riving boards for their houses. None
doing much.

Jan. the 16th. Thursday.
Received a letter from Pa & Sister, with the sad news that "Aunt"
was dead. Raining & the snow melts slowly. Cold cold & very muddy,
but little work going on as tis too cold & wet.
Jan. the 17th. "Friday." 1862

Raining the snow has nearly all melt & this is one the mudiest places I ever saw. Mud shoe deep at the house doors & evry where you can put your foot is mud.

I am detailed to work on the Staffs house, & my work was putting laths on of pine polls. Calloway Glaze & Hawes made stools for our house & also "bunks"

Arraigned evry thing in its place & had plenty of room.

Jan. 18th. Sat.

Received a letter from"P. Q. R." Mud, mud & rain, rain, this is a very disagreeable place. Answered P. Q. R's letter tonight. Sit up-in-the-up in the Capt'n's house till 11 P. M. raining at 11 P. M. Sit by the fire till 1 A. M. & then went to bed & slept finely till day.

Jan. the 19th. Sunday.

Rain Rainy quite hard no work going on All remained in their tents

Capt Martain arrived in Camps from home. Lieut "Gullatt" officer of day

I sit up quite late. P Gullatt quite sick tonight. No roll tonight

January the 20th. Monday.

Raining this morning quite hard. Cold, the ground very muddy, mud
shoe deep no work going on today

We got some tallow & moled 90 candles tonight. Sit up quite late. All quite lively. P. Gullatt Jr sick H. "Cresham" sent to Groveton to get plank. Raining all day.

Jan. 21st. Tuesday. 1862.

Raining still this morning. "Crawford" sent as guard to Groveton. rain, Rain & very muddy, can scarcely walk. Wrote a letter home & to Cousin Amanda Bussy today. Snowing a little this eve.

January the 22nd. Wednes.

Cold & Cloudy, & the ground very wet & muddy. I went to "Manassas" for the mail. Manassas was a very muddy place, returned at 2 P. M. & was detailed on special duty to dig a ditch.

Put guard around the Reg'nt
Cold & cloudy at night

Jan. the 23d. "Thursday."

Myself, Glaze & "Galloway" cutting board timber. We saved & bolted it up, by 3 P. M. very cold.

Heavy cannonading all day at "Evansport." Received a letter from home. No news. "Hardent" sent to "Groveton" as guard

January the 24th. "Friday."

I & "Reid" detailed to cover the Lieut'nt Col's house with rough boards. A cold cloudy & windy till 12 A. M.

2 P. M. Sleeting & quite cold to one on a house. "Galloway" &
Serg't "Sale" sent to Groveton as guards. "Glaze" & "Hawes" getting boards to cover our house. "Gresham's" mess finished their house.

9 P. M. Sleet ing quite fast. 12 P. M. Snowing.

Jan. the 25th. "Saturday." 1862

"Glaze" riving boards & myself & Hawes bolting up the timbers. Ground covered with snow & sleet. Clear & windy. Heavy cannonading towards "Evansport." Received a letter from "E. A. Arnett"

8 P. M. Wind very high, clear & cold.

January 26th. "Sunday."

Ground frozen very hard, clear & windy. I am detailed as Reg't guard, & guarded a prisoner 1 hour today. Received a letter from "Brother" W. H. Cartlidge arrived from home today. Report confirmed of the death of "Zollicoffer" & a victory for the enemy. Cold tonight.

Jan. the 27th. "Monday."

Relieved this morning from guard by W. Albea. Clear & very cold this morning. 1 P. M. raining quite slowly. "Barry Jones" came to see me & remained all night.

Jan. 28th. "Tuesday."

Raining this morning with sleet. "Glaze" sick & "Thompson". "Company" doing nothing today as tis very cold & windy & very sloop. No news in Camp, but few sick & all quite lively

I went to Manassas today & carried the mail. Also "Barry Jones" went as far as the "Junction." We walked & found the roads very muddy. Cold, cold, sure. Returned at 12 A. M. in company with Lieutenants "Guion" & "Callaway." Stopped at a house to get our dinner & had as good one as we could wish. The lady was from Alexandria & a very nice one. She had 2 beautiful daughters. We sat & talked a few hours & over a muddy road we walked & reached the Camp at 5 P. M.

9 P. M. Commenced raining. P. Gullatt left today to see his brother at "Evansport."

Jan. the 30th. "Thursday."

Rain. Rain & cold. I am detailed to work for the "Staff." I & "Rumbly" detailed to haul straw & stalks in the rain & got wet.

R. T. Gullars arrived in Camps from home, & told us that W. Tatons son was killed by the fall at [page torn]

2 P. M. Still raining & cold, cold, & very muddy & sloppy.

James Gartlee returned from home on furlough.

9 P. M. Raining.

Jan. the 31st. "Friday."

Cloudy & Cold & very wet, & muddy. I & Lieut. "Dallis" went to a nabor's & got a nice dinner & had the privilege to sit in a parlor returned at 11 A. M. & then went in company with several others to the battle field. We got us a few walking sticks &c. P. Gullatt arrived
safe back from "Evansport" Nothing of interest in Camps. A heavy
detail to work on the Staff & also a Picket guard

Lient "Gullatt" Officer of the day.

February the 1st. "Saturday." 1862.
Ground covered with snow with sleet an inch thick on top, threatening
snow, at 9 A. M. I am detailed to work for the Staff, but was dismissed
on account of the inclemency of the weather.

11 A. M. Snow begins to melt; clouds seem thin, very muddy.

Rec'd a letter from Mother & one from E. T. W.

4 P. M. Quite pleasant. A beautiful evening. Sun set clear.
Sit up till midnight & answered "S. T. W.'s" letter. Quite a lively
time. I & Lient "G" writing together. No news of importance. Quite
windy tonight & cold. I went to sleep at 7 A. M. & slept soundly.

Feb. the 2nd. "Sunday."

Clear & cold this morning. I am on Reg'mt guard, & have to guard
a prisoner today at 11 A. M. "Murray" & "Russly" sent on picket duty;
Reid & Hardy both sick, also W. "Albus". Quite a pleasant evening,
sun set clear.

8 P. M. I am on guard, quite a cold night & very dark, & very
muddy.

Feb. the 3d. "Monday."

Commenced snowing this morning before day, & now at 8 A. M. snowing
quite fast. 11 A. M. still snowing & a very disagreeable day. W.
"Elliott" came to see us this eve. 2 P. M. Still snowing & the snow
is now 6 inches deep. 8 P.M. Snowing quite slowly. None the details working. Hauled a few loads of wood. "Cullars" & "Clary" on picket. "Albea" is quite sick with the Pneumonia. "Hardy" is improving, also "Reid". P. "Cullatt is quite sick. I am up at 11 P.M. & it is still snowing.


A little cloudy this morning. 11 A.M. Clear & cold. I & Lieut Dallis went over to the 17th & 2nd Geo Reg & remained with John Kendrick a short time.

2 P.M. A clear & pleasant eve. Sun set clear for the first time in a great while. The snow melts very slowly. "Albea" & "Hardy" are quite sick; Dr "Mackay" of Richmond, surgeon of the [page torn] came today. Wrote a letter to [page torn] tonight. Sit up quite late. Quite a cold night, & very disagreeable.

February the 5th. "Wednesday."

I am detailed to work on the Stables, did not do much. Sun rose clear & a beautiful day; ground frozen very hard this morning & the snow melts slowly.

Nothing of interest in Camps. Our sick, ("Albea" & Hardy) improving. Sun sit clear this eve. All in fine life.

Feb. 6th. "Thursday."

Cloudy this morning at day. Commenced rainning at 7 A.M. Lieut "Dallis" sent off on Picket. [page torn] Still rainning, myself [page torn]
"Hardin" & few more went off in the rain to cut & haul 2 loads of wood for our "Company", roads very muddy, & very disagreeable to walk 2 P. M. Rain ceased, but tis a dark muddy looking day.

T. D. Hawes' box came tonight from home, filled with wines, Sausages, Potatoes & cakes. We had quite a lively time, & we will live fine for several days. Our Sick improving.

Feb. the 7th. Friday. 1862.

Cloudy & cool day threatening rain. Wind from the North east. I & "Glaze" are working on the Stables [page torn] did not do much. [page torn] in our houses as to a dark & gloomy Eve. Tis very sloppy & muddy, & the roads are almost impassable. 7 P. M. Cloudy & cold. Sit up quite late tonight.

Feb. the 8th. "Saturday."

Cloudy & cold this morning. 8 A. M. Sleetig a little & threatening snow. Very wet & disagreeable. Preston, "Calvin" arrived in Camp today from home.

Had a nice breakfast this morning, of "Sausages" fried Potatoes & buiskets, but no coffee. Wm. Elliott sick, "Hardy" about [page torn] "Alba" improving slowly. [page torn] arrived in Camp.

February the 9th. "Sunday."

Sun rose clear, a pleasant day, & looks very much like Sunday as no working is going on, all resting & seem happy. Ground drying fast.

Sun set clear, & tonight the moon shines beautiful.

Sun rose clear & the ground frozen, a pleasant day. "Haws" sent off on Picket. 11 A. M. inspection of guns, cartridges & Knap sacks, by the commanders [page torn]

Feb. 11th. "Tuesday."

Cloudy this morning. 14 men detailed from our Company to work the road from here to the R. Road. I am detailed to work on the Staff's houses today.

Dallas & Sale leave for home - - - - - - - - - -

8 o'clock A. M. Thus ends 7 months time of the incidents of a soldiers life in the lst. Division [page torn]